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Tetsumasa Ito

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DETECTION DEVICE USING SAME,
DETECTION METHOD, AND GENE
DETECTING CHIP

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 027929.101-US00. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such

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extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

Dated: February 19, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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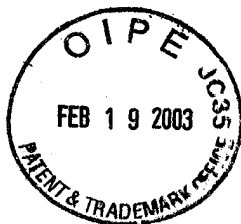
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-12) for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following 3 groups:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a gene detection system, classified in class 422, subclass 68.1;
- II. Claims 13-18, drawn to a method for detecting genes, classified in class 435, subclass 6; and
- III. Claim 19, drawn to a chip comprising an electrode on which a probe is immobilized, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2.

Applicant's provisional election of Group I (claims 1-12) for continued examination does not constitute concurrence in the correctness of the Office Action's restriction requirement. However, in order to facilitate the prompt issuance of a patent, Applicant has made the provisional election of Group I, reserving the right to object to the restriction requirement or to file continuation, divisional, or other related applications with respect to non-elected claims.

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